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TOPIC General Soviet Air Force Information

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REMARKS			

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- On 30 August 1952, about 600 VP men and about 250 Russians wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and air force insignia marched out of the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen. (1) Most of the soldiers were young E's who were accompanied by the usual number of officers and NCOs; a captain was the ranking officer. It was rumored in the vicinity of the Husaren Kaserne that the 250 Soviet air force troops were quartered there temporarily. (2)

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- On 14 August, preliminary construction work at Litten-Neupurschwitz airfield was being accelerated. Prefabricated houses and construction material arrived on tractors and trucks of the Bautzen Machine Tractor Station (MAS). Billets for the workers were apparently to be constructed at the field. Signs reading "trespassing prohibited" were erected by the Kreisrat around a staked-off area toward Weissenberg.

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the field area is to be enlarged by 34 hectares. Some of the farmers who previously owned the staked-off terrain were no longer allowed to enter this area. The runway which has not been staked off is to run toward Weissenberg. The road leading from Neupurschwitz to Purschwitz is said to be included in the field area. In this connection, the population and the Kreisrat expressed the apprehension that Neupurschwitz may have to be evacuated. (3)

- On 14 August, no preparatory work for the improvement of the former Stiebitz airfield was observed. (4)

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Comments.

- Since 6 August 1952, the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen has been occupied by the 1st Regt of the 1st VP Air Force Div No 600 (600/1). The regiment has a strength of about 800 men. It is believed that this regiment has not yet started flight training.
- Previously, the Husaren Kaserne was occupied by the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. It is not known that the barracks installation was temporarily occupied by Soviet Air Force troops.

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- (3) According to available information, a portion of the landing field at Witten airfield is still serviceable. From this it is inferred that the reconstruction of the airfield for basic pilot training could be carried out within a short time. The construction of a runway is probably not intended in the near future because it is not necessary for basic pilot training. However, the reported extension of the landing field is believed to be correct.
- (4) Whether the former Pantzen-Stiebitz airfield will be put in operation will depend on the number of German pilots who are to be trained in Eastern Germany.

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